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For: **HIGHLY AVAILABLE, MONOTONIC
INCREASING SEQUENCE NUMBER
GENERATION**

**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION AND AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS
UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2004 (Paper No. 7) (hereinafter "Final Action"), the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.